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SUBJECT: SOVIET DELEGATION PARTICIPATES IN INAUGURATION OF PHASE TWO  
STEEL PRODUCTION AT HELWAN

1. ON AUGUST 8, FIRST DEPUTY PM HEGAZI PRESSED A BUTTON WHICH INAUGURATED THE FIRST STAGE OF STEEL PRODUCTION UNDER PHASE TWO OF THE EXPANSION OF THE HELWAN IRON AND STEEL WORKS. THE CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY MEMBERS OF A SOVIET DELEGATION WHICH ARRIVED IN EGYPT ON AUGUST 6 UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF CHAIRMAN SKATCHKOV OF THE SOVIET FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE. OTHER MEMBERS WERE MESSRS. VOR,

DEPUTY MINISTER OF STEEL (PKSIC) AND MAKRIKOV, DEPUTY  
MINISTER OF SPECIAL CONSTRUCTION (SIC).

2. THE DELEGATION WAS RECEIVED BY MINISTER OF INDUSTRY MOHAMMADEIN, WHO WAS THE HOST DURING THE VISIT, AND WHO CHAIRED DISCUSSIONS WITH THE DELEGATION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE HELWAN COMPLEX AND THE ALUMINUM PLANT AT NAG HIMADI. THE PRESS TREATED THE ARRIVAL AND ACTIVITIES OF THE DELEGATION IN A RATHER LOW KEY,  
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PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION TO THE HIGH LEVEL OF ATTENTION

PAID LAST DECEMBER DURING THE INAUGURATION OF THE THIRD BLAST FURNACE AT HELWAN. DURING THAT VISIT, HOWEVER, THE LEADER OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION, MINISTER YAKOVSKY, MET ONLY WITH MINISTER MOHAMMADEIN. ON THIS VISIT, ALTHOUGH THE PRESS PLAY WAS NOT AS GREAT, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DELEGATION WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT SADAT.

3. COMMENT:

PHOTOGRAPHS OF PRESIDENT SADAT WITH CHAIRMAN SKATCHKOV APPEARED IN ALL THE PAPERS, BAH THE VISIT OF THE DELEGATION WAS MORE OR LESS DOWN-PLAYEDJM THIS PRTBABLY REFLECTS, AS MUCH AS ANYTHING ELSE, THE PRESENT AMBIGUITY IN SOVIET/EGYPTIAN RELATIONS IN WHICH NEITHER SIDE IS DESIROUS OF ADDING TO THE PROBLEMS, BST BOTH SIDES ARE UNWILLING TO MAKE GESTURES OF CONCILIATION THAT ARE TOO PUBLIC. A SEPARATE REPORT ON HELWAN IS IN PROGRESS.EILTS

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